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For: MULTIMEDIA SYSTEM,)	Confirmation No.: 2644
PORTABLE OPERATING DEVICE)	
AND COMMUNICATION MODULE)	
FOR USE IN SAID SYSTEM)	

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Copies of the listed documents are attached.

U.S. Patent No. 6,069,672, issued May 30, 2000, belongs to the patent family of German Patent No. 94 17 937.9, which was published on April 27, 1995.

The article by Bach et al. entitled "Multimediales TV-Gerät" shows a prototype of a multimedia terminal equipment. It is suitable for receiving analog and digital TV broadcast programs and has an integrated PC.

The article by Engelkamp entitled "System-Konzept einer Set-Top-Box" shows a set top box acting as a multimedia terminal. The set top box has an open architecture and allows system updates at any time.

The article by Heidemann entitled "Das IVOD-Projekt Berlin:..." says that the use of hybrid glass fiber coaxial cables for subscriber lines provides economical user services.

The article by Okoth et al. entitled "DVB: Common Interface..." describes a digital video broadcasting system including a conditional access system. The conditional access system carries out program decoding while a smart card provides for the authorization of the respective user.

The article "Programmflut im Kabel" from the journal Funkschau, vol. 25, 1994, is about the rapidly increasing data flow with respect to TV-channels and gives prospects about its handling by digital data processing technique.

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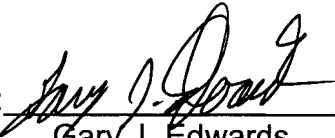
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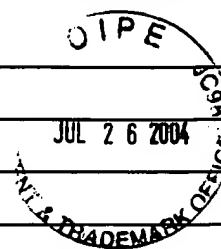
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